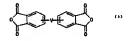
Reply to Office Action of May 3, 2007

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A thermosetting resin composition comprising at least a polyimide resin component (A) containing at least one polyimide resin, a phenol resin component (B) containing at least one phenol resin, and an epoxy resin component (C) containing at least one epoxy resin, wherein the mixing ratio by weight (A)/[(B)+(C)] is in a range of 0.4 to 2.0, the mixing ratio by weight being the ratio of the weight of the polyimide resin component (A) to the total weight of the phenol resin component (B) and the epoxy resin component (C), wherein the polyimide resin (A) is produced by reacting an acid dianhydride component with a diamine component or an isocyanate component, and the acid dianhydride component contains at least an acid dianhydride represented by general formula (1):



wherein V represents a direct bond, --O--,--C-T-O--,--C=O--,-- $C(CF_3)_2--$, or -- $C(CH_3)_2--$, T representing a divalent organic group.

2. (Previously Presented) The thermosetting resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the mixing ratio by mole (B)/(C) is in a range of 0.4 to 1.2, the mixing ratio by mole being the ratio of the number of moles of the hydroxyl group of the phenol resin contained in the phenol resin component (B) to the number of

Amdt. Dated August 30, 2007

Reply to Office Action of May 3, 2007

Attorney Docket No. 81844.0044

Customer No.: 26021

moles of the epoxy group of the epoxy resin contained in the epoxy resin component

(C).

3. (Previously Presented) The thermosetting resin composition according to

claims 1 or 2, wherein the polyimide resin (A) contains a soluble polyimide resin.

4. (Previously Presented) The thermosetting resin composition according to

claim 3, wherein the polyimide resin (A) dissolves in an amount of 1% by weight or

more in at least one organic solvent selected from the group consisting of dioxolane. dioxane, tetrahydrofuran, N,N-dimethylformamide, N,N-dimethylacetamide, and N-

methyl-2-pyrrolidone in a temperature range of 15°C to 100°C.

5. (Previously Presented) The thermosetting resin composition according to

claim 4, wherein the polyimide resin (A) contains at least one component for

imparting organic solvent solubility which is selected from the group consisting of

an aliphatic compound component, an alicyclic compound component, and a

bisphenol compound-alkylene oxide adduct component, so as to exhibit solubility in

a mixed solvent containing a low-boiling organic solvent.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A thermosetting resin composition comprising at least

a polyimide resin component (A) containing at least one polyimide resin, a phenol

resin component (B) containing at least one phenol resin, and an epoxy resin

Page 3 of 39

Reply to Office Action of May 3, 2007

component (C) containing at least one epoxy resin, wherein the mixing ratio by weight (A)/[(B)+(C)] is in a range of 0.4 to 2.0, the mixing ratio by weight being the ratio of the weight of the polyimide resin component (A) to the total weight of the phenol resin component (B) and the epoxy resin component (C), wherein the polyimide resin (A) is produced by reacting an acid dianhydride component with a diamine component or an isocyanate component, and the acid dianhydride component contains at least an acid dianhydride represented by general formula (1):

wherein V represents a direct bond, --O--,--(C=O)--,--C(CF₃)₂--, or --C(CH₃)₂--, T representing a divalent organic group

The thermosetting resin composition according to claim 6, wherein the polyimide resin (A) is produced by reacting an acid dianhydride component with a diamine component or an isocyanate component, and the diamine component or the isocyanate component contains at least any one of a siloxane diamine, a diamine containing a hydroxyl group and/or a carboxyl group, a diamine having amino groups at the meta positions, a diamine having amino groups at the ortho positions, an isocyanate having an amino group at the meta position, and an isocyanate having an amino group at the ortho position.

8. (Currently Amended) A thermosetting resin composition according to claim 7, comprising at least a polyimide resin component (A) containing at least one

Reply to Office Action of May 3, 2007

Customer No

polyimide resin, a phenol resin component (B) containing at least one phenol resin, and an epoxy resin component (C) containing at least one epoxy resin, wherein the mixing ratio by weight (A)/[(B)+(C)] is in a range of 0.4 to 2.0, the mixing ratio by weight being the ratio of the weight of the polyimide resin component (A) to the total weight of the phenol resin component (B) and the epoxy resin component (C), wherein the phenol resin component (B) contains at least one phenol resin selected from the group consisting of compounds having structures represented by the formulae:

wherein a, b, c, and d, and e each represent an integer of 1 to 10.

9. (Currently Amended) A thermosetting resin composition according to claim 8; comprising at least a polyimide resin component (A) containing at least one

Reply to Office Action of May 3, 2007

polyimide resin, a phenol resin component (B) containing at least one phenol resin and an epoxy resin component (C) containing at least one epoxy resin, wherein the mixing ratio by weight (A)/[(B)+(C)] is in a range of 0.4 to 2.0, the mixing ratio by weight being the ratio of the weight of the polyimide resin component (A) to the total weight of the phenol resin component (B) and the epoxy resin component (C), wherein the epoxy resin component (C) contains at least one epoxy resin selected from the group consisting of compounds having structures represented by the formulae:

O CH₂

Reply to Office Action of May 3, 2007

Page 7 of 39

Amdt. Dated August 30, 2007

Reply to Office Action of May 3, 2007

Attorney Docket No. 81844.0044 Customer No.: 26021

wherein g, h, i, j, and k each represent an integer of 1 to 10.

10. (Original) A thermosetting resin composition comprising at least a

polyimide resin (A) containing at least one polyimide resin, a phosphazene

compound (D) containing at least one phosphazene compound, and a cyanate ester

compound (E) containing at least one cyanate ester compound, wherein the

phosphazene compound (D) comprises a phenolic hydroxyl group-containing

phenoxyphosphazene compound (D-1) and/or a crosslinked phenoxyphosphazene

compound (D-2) prepared by crosslinking the phenoxyphosphagene compound (D-1).

the crosslinked phenoxyphosphazene compound (D-2) having at least one phenolic

hydroxyl group.

11. (Previously Presented) The thermosetting resin composition according to

claim 10, wherein the mixing ratio by weight (D)/[(A)+(D)+(E)] is in a range of 0.01

to 0.4, the mixing ratio by weight being the ratio of the weight of the phosphazene

compound (D) to the total weight of the polyimide resin (A), the phosphazene

compound (D), and the cyanate ester compound (E).

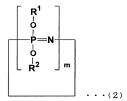
12. (Previously Presented) The thermosetting resin composition according to

claims 10 or 11, wherein the phenoxyphosphazene compound (D-1) comprises at

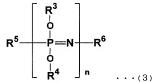
least a cyclic phenoxyphosphazene compound (D-11) represented by general formula $\,$

(2):

Reply to Office Action of May 3, 2007



wherein m represents an integer of 3 to 25; R^1 and R^2 each represent a phenyl group or a hydroxyphenyl group; and at least one hydroxyphenyl group is contained per molecule and/or a linear phenoxyphosphazene compound (D-12) represented by general formula (3):



wherein n represents an integer of 3 to 10,000; R³ and R⁴ each represent a phenyl group or a hydroxyphenyl group; at least one hydroxyphenyl group is contained per molecule; R⁵ represents -N=P(OC₆H₅)₃, ·N=P(OC₆H₅)₂(OC₆H₄OH),

- -N=P(OC₆H₅)(OC₆H₄OH)₂, -N=P(OC₆H₄OH)₃, -N=P(O)OC₆H₅, or
- -N=P(O)(OC₆H₄OH); and $R^{\mbox{\scriptsize }6}$ represents -P(OC₆H₅)₄,
- $-P(OC_6H_5)_3(OC_6H_4OH)$, $-P(OC_6H_5)_2(OC_6H_4OH)_2$, $-P(OC_6H_5)(OC_6H_4OH)_3$,
- $-P(OC_6H_4OH)_4$, $-P(O)(OC_6H_5)_2$, $-P(O)(OC_6H_5)(OC_6H_4OH)$, or
- -P(O)(OC₆H₄OH)₂.

Reply to Office Action of May 3, 2007

13. (Previously Presented) The thermosetting resin composition according to claim 12, wherein the crosslinked phenoxyphosphazene compound (D-2) is prepared by crosslinking the phenoxyphosphazene compound (D-1) with a phenylene-based crosslinking group containing at least any one of an o-phenylene group, an m-phenylene group, a p-phenylene group, and a bisphenylene group represented by general formula (4):

$$-(R^7)_{\overline{p}}$$

wherein \mathbb{R}^7 represents -C(CH₃)₂-, -SO₂-, -S-, or -O-; and p represents 0 or 1.

14. (Previously Presented) The thermosetting resin composition according to claim 13, wherein the crosslinked phenoxyphosphazene compound (D-2) is a phenylene-based crosslinked phenoxyphosphazene compound (D-21) having at least one phenolic hydroxyl group, in which the cyclic phenoxyphosphazene compound (D-11) and/or the linear phenoxyphosphazene compound (D-12) are used as the phenoxyphosphazene compound, and the phenylene-based crosslinking group lies between two oxygen atoms of the phenoxyphosphazene compound (D-1), the phenyl group and the hydroxyphenyl group in the crosslinked phenoxyphosphazene compound is in a range of 50% to 99.9% based on the total number of phenyl groups and hydroxyphenyl groups contained in the phenoxyphosphazene compound.

Amdt. Dated August 30, 2007

Reply to Office Action of May 3, 2007

Attorney Docket No. 81844.0044

Customer No.: 26021

15. (Previously Presented) The thermosetting resin composition according to

claim 14, wherein the polyimide resin (A) contains a soluble polyimide resin.

16. (Previously Presented) The thermosetting resin composition according to

claim 15, wherein the polyimide resin (A) dissolves in an amount of 1% by weight or

more in at least one organic solvent selected from the group consisting of dioxolane,

dioxane, tetrahydrofuran, N,N-dimethylformamide, N,N-dimethylacetamide, and N-

methyl-2-pyrrolidone in a temperature range of 15°C to 100°C.

17. (Previously Presented) The thermosetting resin composition according to

claim 16, wherein the polyimide resin (A) contains at least one component for

imparting organic solvent solubility which is selected from the group consisting of

an aliphatic compound component, an alicyclic compound component, and a

bisphenol compound-alkylene oxide adduct component, so as to exhibit solubility in

a mixed solvent containing a low-boiling organic solvent.

18. (Previously Presented) The thermosetting resin composition according to

claim 17, wherein the polyimide resin (A) is produced by reacting an acid

dianhydride component with a diamine component or an isocyanate component, and

the acid dianhydride component contains at least an acid dianhydride represented

by general formula (1):

Page 11 of 39

\\LA - 081844/000044 - 357661 v1

Reply to Office Action of May 3, 2007

$$0 \longrightarrow V \longrightarrow 0 \longrightarrow (1)$$

wherein V represents a direct bond, -O-, -O-T-O-,

-O-CO-T-CO-O-, -(C=O)-, -C(CF₃)₂-, or -C(CH₃)₂-, T representing a divalent organic group.

- 19. (Previously Presented) The thermosetting resin composition according to claim 18, wherein the polyimide resin (A) is produced by reacting an acid dianhydride component with a diamine component or an isocyanate component, and the diamine component or the isocyanate component contains at least any one of a siloxane diamine, a diamine containing a hydroxyl group and/or a carboxyl group, a diamine having amino groups at the meta positions, a diamine having amino groups at the ortho positions, an isocyanate having an amino group at the meta position, and an isocyanate having an amino group at the ortho position.
- 20. (Previously Presented) The thermosetting resin composition according to claim 19, wherein the cyanate ester compound (E) includes at least one compound selected from the group consisting of compounds represented by the group of general formulae (1):

Appl. No. 10/552,540 Amdt. Dated August 30, 2007 Reply to Office Action of May 3, 2007

Group of general formulae (1)

Amdt. Dated August 30, 2007

Reply to Office Action of May 3, 2007

Attorney Docket No. 81844.0044 Customer No. 26021

wherein r represents 0 to 4.

21. (Previously Presented) A multilayer body comprising at least one resin

layer formed of the thermosetting resin composition according to claims 1 or 10.

22. (Previously Presented) The multilayer body according to claim 21,

wherein the multilayer body is used as a circuit board or a multilayer printed

circuit board.

23. (Currently Amended) A circuit board comprising a cured object prepared

from the thermosetting resin composition according to claims 1 or 10 a layer having

a dielectric constant of 3.3 or less and a dielectric loss tangent of 0.020 or less in a

range of in a frequency range of 1 to 10 GHz and being formed on wiring boards or

circuits, wherein the layer is obtained by curing a thermosetting resin composition

comprising at least a polyimide resin component (A) containing at least one

polyimide resin, a phenol resin component (B) containing at least one phenol resin,

and an epoxy resin component (C) containing at least one epoxy resin, wherein the

mixing ratio by weight (A)/[(B)+(C)] is in a range of 0.4 to 2.0, the mixing ratio by

weight being the ratio of the weight of the polyimide resin component (A) to the

total weight of the phenol resin component (B) and the epoxy resin component (C).

24. (New) The thermosetting resin composition according to claim 23,

wherein the mixing ratio by mole (B)/(C) is in a range of 0.4 to 1.2, the mixing ratio

Amdt. Dated August 30, 2007

Reply to Office Action of May 3, 2007

Attornev Docket No. 81844.0044 Customer No.: 26021

by mole being the ratio of the number of moles of the hydroxyl group of the phenol

resin contained in the phenol resin component (B) to the number of moles of the

epoxy group of the epoxy resin contained in the epoxy resin component (C).

25. (New) The thermosetting resin composition according to claims 23 or 24,

wherein the polyimide resin (A) contains a soluble polyimide resin.

(New) The thermosetting resin composition according to claim 25, 26.

wherein the polyimide resin (A) dissolves in an amount of 1% by weight or more in

at least one organic solvent selected from the group consisting of dioxolane, dioxane,

tetrahydrofuran, N.N-dimethylformamide, N.N-dimethylacetamide, and N-methyl-

2-pyrrolidone in a temperature range of 15°C to 100°C.

(New) The thermosetting resin composition according to claim 26,

wherein the polyimide resin (A) contains at least one component for imparting

organic solvent solubility which is selected from the group consisting of an aliphatic

compound component, an alicyclic compound component, and a bisphenol

compound-alkylene oxide adduct component, so as to exhibit solubility in a mixed

solvent containing a low-boiling organic solvent.

(New) The thermosetting resin composition according to claim 27.

wherein the polyimide resin (A) is produced by reacting an acid dianhydride

component with a diamine component or an isocvanate component, and the acid

Page 15 of 39

Reply to Office Action of May 3, 2007

dianhydride component contains at least an acid dianhydride represented by general formula (1):

$$0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0$$
 (1)

wherein V represents a direct bond, -O-, -O-T-O-,

-O-CO-T-CO-O-, -(C=O)-, -C(CF₃)₂-, or -C(CH₃)₂-, T representing a divalent organic group.

- 29. (New) The thermosetting resin composition according to claim 28, wherein the polyimide resin (A) is produced by reacting an acid dianhydride component with a diamine component or an isocyanate component, and the diamine component or the isocyanate component contains at least any one of a siloxane diamine, a diamine containing a hydroxyl group and/or a carboxyl group, a diamine having amino groups at the meta positions, a diamine having amino groups at the ortho positions, an isocyanate having an amino group at the meta position, and an isocyanate having an amino group at the ortho position.
- (New) The thermosetting resin composition according to claim 29, wherein the phenol resin component (B) contains at least one phenol resin selected

Reply to Office Action of May 3, 2007

from the group consisting of compounds having structures represented by the formulae:

wherein a, b, c, d, and e each represent an integer of 1 to 10.

(New) The thermosetting resin composition according to claim 30, wherein the epoxy resin component (C) contains at least one epoxy resin selected

Reply to Office Action of May 3, 2007

from the group consisting of compounds having structures represented by the formulae:

Reply to Office Action of May 3, 2007

Page 19 of 39

Amdt. Dated August 30, 2007

Reply to Office Action of May 3, 2007

Attorney Docket No. 81844.0044

Customer No.: 26021

wherein g, h, i, j, and k each represent an integer of 1 to 10.

32. (New) A thermosetting resin composition according to claim 23, further

comprising at least a polyimide resin (A) containing at least one polyimide resin, a

phosphazene compound (D) containing at least one phosphazene compound, and a

cyanate ester compound (E) containing at least one cyanate ester compound.

wherein the phosphazene compound (D) comprises a phenolic hydroxyl group-

containing phenoxyphosphazene compound (D-1) and/or a crosslinked

phenoxyphosphazene compound (D-2) prepared bv crosslinking

phenoxyphosphazene compound (D-1), the crosslinked phenoxyphosphazene

compound (D-2) having at least one phenolic hydroxyl group.

(New) The thermosetting resin composition according to claim 32, 33.

wherein the mixing ratio by weight (D)/[(A)+(D)+(E)] is in a range of 0.01 to 0.4, the

mixing ratio by weight being the ratio of the weight of the phosphazene compound (D) to the total weight of the polyimide resin (A), the phosphazene compound (D),

and the cyanate ester compound (E).

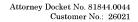
34. (New) The thermosetting resin composition according to claims 32 or 33.

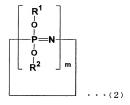
wherein the phenoxyphosphazene compound (D-1) comprises at least a cyclic

phenoxyphosphazene compound (D-11) represented by general formula (2):

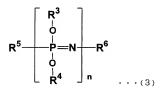
Page 20 of 39

Appl. No. 10/552,540 Amdt. Dated August 30, 2007 Reply to Office Action of May 3, 2007





wherein m represents an integer of 3 to 25; R^1 and R^2 each represent a phenyl group or a hydroxyphenyl group; and at least one hydroxyphenyl group is contained per molecule and/or a linear phenoxyphosphazene compound (D-12) represented by general formula (3):



wherein n represents an integer of 3 to 10,000; R³ and R⁴ each represent a phenyl group or a hydroxyphenyl group; at least one hydroxyphenyl group is contained per molecule; R⁵ represents -N=P(OC₆H₅)₃, -N=P(OC₆H₅)₂(OC₆H₄OH),

- $-N = P(OC_6H_5)(OC_6H_4OH)_2, \ -N = P(OC_6H_4OH)_3, \ -N = P(O)OC_6H_5, \ or$
- -N=P(O)(OC₆H₄OH); and ${\rm R}^6$ represents -P(OC₆H₅)₄,
- $-P(OC_6H_5)_3(OC_6H_4OH)$, $-P(OC_6H_5)_2(OC_6H_4OH)_2$, $-P(OC_6H_5)(OC_6H_4OH)_3$,
- -P(OC₆H₄OH)₄, -P(O)(OC₆H₅)₂, -P(O)(OC₆H₅)(OC₆H₄OH), or

Reply to Office Action of May 3, 2007

-P(O)(OC6H4OH)2.

35. (New) The thermosetting resin composition according to claim 34, wherein the crosslinked phenoxyphosphazene compound (D-2) is prepared by crosslinking the phenoxyphosphazene compound (D-1) with a phenylene-based crosslinking group containing at least any one of an o-phenylene group, an m-phenylene group, a p-phenylene group, and a bisphenylene group represented by general formula (4):

wherein R7 represents -C(CH₃)₂-, -SO₂-, -S-, or -O-; and p represents 0 or 1.

36. (New) The thermosetting resin composition according to claim 35, wherein the crosslinked phenoxyphosphazene compound (D-2) is a phenylene-based crosslinked phenoxyphosphazene compound (D-21) having at least one phenolic hydroxyl group, in which the cyclic phenoxyphosphazene compound (D-11) and/or the linear phenoxyphosphazene compound (D-12) are used as the phenoxyphosphazene compound, and the phenylene-based crosslinking group lies between two oxygen atoms of the phenoxyphosphazene compound (D-1), the phenyl group and the hydroxyphenyl group being separated from the oxygen atoms, and the content of the phenyl group and the hydroxyphosphazene compound is in a range of 50% to 99.9% based on the total

Amdt. Dated August 30, 2007

Reply to Office Action of May 3, 2007

Attorney Docket No. 81844.0044 Customer No : 26021

number of phenyl groups and hydroxyphenyl groups contained in the

phenoxyphosphazene compound.

37. (New) The thermosetting resin composition according to claim 36,

wherein the polyimide resin (A) contains a soluble polyimide resin.

(New) The thermosetting resin composition according to claim 37,

wherein the polyimide resin (A) dissolves in an amount of 1% by weight or more in

at least one organic solvent selected from the group consisting of dioxolane, dioxane,

tetrahydrofuran, N.N-dimethylformamide, N,N-dimethylacetamide, and N-methyl-

2-pyrrolidone in a temperature range of 15°C to 100°C.

(New) The thermosetting resin composition according to claim 38, 39

wherein the polyimide resin (A) contains at least one component for imparting

organic solvent solubility which is selected from the group consisting of an aliphatic

compound component, an alicyclic compound component, and a bisphenol

compound-alkylene oxide adduct component, so as to exhibit solubility in a mixed

solvent containing a low-boiling organic solvent.

40. (New) The thermosetting resin composition according to claim 39,

wherein the polyimide resin (A) is produced by reacting an acid dianhydride

component with a diamine component or an isocyanate component, and the acid

Appl. No. 10/552,540 Attorney Docket No. 81844.0044
Amdt. Dated August 30, 2007
Customer No.: 26021
Reply to Office Action of May 3, 2007

dianhydride component contains at least an acid dianhydride represented by general formula (1):

$$0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0$$
 (1)

wherein V represents a direct bond, -O-, -O-T-O-,

-O-CO-T-CO-O-, -(C=O)-, -C(CF₃)₂-, or -C(CH₃)₂-, T representing a divalent organic group.

- 41. (New) The thermosetting resin composition according to claim 40, wherein the polyimide resin (A) is produced by reacting an acid dianhydride component with a diamine component or an isocyanate component, and the diamine component or the isocyanate component contains at least any one of a siloxane diamine, a diamine containing a hydroxyl group and/or a carboxyl group, a diamine having amino groups at the meta positions, a diamine having amino groups at the ortho positions, an isocyanate having an amino group at the meta position, and an isocyanate having an amino group at the ortho position.
- 42. (New) The thermosetting resin composition according to claim 41, wherein the cyanate ester compound (E) includes at least one compound selected

Appl. No. 10/552,540 Amdt. Dated August 30, 2007 Reply to Office Action of May 3, 2007 Attorney Docket No. 81844.0044 Customer No.: 26021

from the group consisting of compounds represented by the group of general formulae (1):

Appl. No. 10/552,540 Amdt. Dated August 30, 2007 Reply to Office Action of May 3, 2007

Group of general
formulae (1)

Reply to Office Action of May 3, 2007

wherein r represents 0 to 4.